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Dear Mr. Jones:

This is a final response to your 4 September 2013 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 9 September 2013, for **all documents or files mentioning "The Increment" or "E Squadron,"** the British composite organization formed from selected SAS, SBS and Special Reconnaissance Regiment operators at the disposal of the Director of Special Forces and MI6.

We cannot accept your FOIA request in its current form because it would require the Agency to perform an unreasonably burdensome search. The FOIA requires requesters to "reasonably describe" the information they seek so that professional employees familiar with the subject matter can locate responsive information with a reasonable amount of effort. Commonly this equates to a requirement that the documents must be locatable through the indexing of our various systems. Extremely broad or vague requests or requests requiring research do not satisfy this requirement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michele Meeks".

Michele Meeks
Information and Privacy Coordinator